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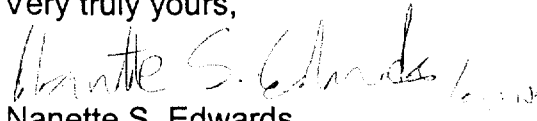
Re: NSD File No. L-98-24, CC Docket 95-116 / Order, DA 98-614
(March 31, 1998); In the Matter of Telephone Number Portability

Dear Mr. Metzger:

As required by paragraph 42 of the above referenced order, ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc., d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom ("ITC^DeltaCom"), hereby files its progress report regarding the internal procedures being implemented to support local number portability. Enclosed are an original and four copies for filing, along with an extra copy to be date-stamped and returned.

We apologize for the lateness of this filing and any inconvenience it may have caused. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (205) 650-3856.

Very truly yours,



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ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc., d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom's Report
Regarding Status of Local Number Portability Implementation

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ITC^DeltaCom has been working on the infrastructure to support Local Number Portability ("LNP") as early as 1997. ITC^DeltaCom has participated in both national and local industry meetings.

In order to insure the dates specified by the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") are met, ITC^DeltaCom is working along several fronts to accomplish its tasks. In order to accomplish the implementation of LNP in the time frame specified by the Commission, ITC^DeltaCom has elected to utilize a third party provider for its LSMS and LSOA functions. The third party provider ITC^DeltaCom has elected to utilize is Illuminet.

ITC^DeltaCom – Illuminet Interconnection

ITC^DeltaCom and Illuminet have current business relationships that interconnect our SS7 networks together for services other than LNP. This same network can and will be utilized for LSMS interconnection. This SS7 network interconnection has been up and running for one year. Final contract arrangements are being made and an implementation team is being established to utilize Illuminet.

Illuminet has already tested and established trunking and interconnection to Lockheed-Martin.

ITC^DeltaCom – Lockheed-Martin

ITC^DeltaCom was instructed by Lockheed-Martin that an agreement is required with the Number Portability Administration Center ("NPAC"), even though ITC^DeltaCom's plans call for the use of a third party platform. Prior to the vendor change from Perot Systems to Lockheed-Martin, ITC^DeltaCom was not required to contract with NPAC under Perot Systems when CLECs utilized a third-party platform. ITC^DeltaCom is now required to obtain this agreement.

To this end ITC^DeltaCom has executed a confidentiality agreement and is in the process of reviewing the NPAC agreement. At this time, ITC^DeltaCom does not foresee any reason why this review will delay its implementation of LNP services, but ITC^DeltaCom did identify this as a contingency.

ITC^DeltaCom's Switch Loading

ITC^DeltaCom has loaded the LNP software triggers into its DMS 500 switches that will be involved with LNP. This loading will take care of all phases of LNP in the ITC^DeltaCom network. ITC^DeltaCom's Atlanta switch will be installed during the July time frame. ITC^DeltaCom is planning the testing of its local interconnection trunks and NXX codes to make the August 31st date.

Industry LNP Meetings

ITC^DeltaCom has attended and been active in state LNP implementation meetings where ITC^DeltaCom will be providing facility based services. This includes the SouthEast Regional LNP meeting for the states BellSouth provides coverage. During these meetings, ITC^DeltaCom has worked closely with BellSouth and GTE and other competitive local exchange carriers ("CLEC's") in developing and implementing detailed testing plans.

This includes sharing of ITC^DeltaCom's switching architecture and call processing data.

ITC^DeltaCom's Next Steps

Most emphasis will be placed on the implementation of LSMS and LSOA interfaces with Illuminet. While reviewing the Lockheed- Martin NPAC agreement, ITC^DeltaCom is also working on its internal business systems for order entry and processing of LNP order transactions.

Conclusion and Contingencies:

ITC^DeltaCom is confident that it will meet the August 31st implementation deadline based on its coordination efforts with its vendors and the development of its internal systems. ITC^DeltaCom has some contingencies for this date. The contingencies ITC^DeltaCom has identified involve implementation of LNP with our third party provider and reaching an agreement with the NPAC. Our ability to provide LNP service will also be tied to BellSouth with respect to call processing of LNP and business flows with respect to ordering transactions with the BellSouth CLEC processing center. These contingencies are also the priorities ITC^DeltaCom has set for itself in the next 30 days of activity.

One other contingency is implementation of interconnection agreements with GTE and Sprint to offer LNP services in Phase I -IV areas. The timing of our agreements and the implementation of local trunking to these independent areas may be after the LNP dates. However, ITC^DeltaCom would plan on offering LNP concurrently with offering facility based services and pursuant to Commission rules (47 C.F.R. § 52.23).

Dated: May 21, 1998